

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

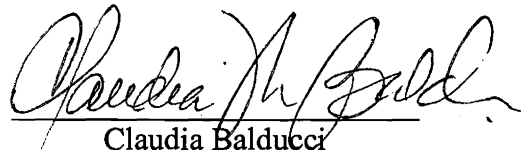
***PROCLAMATION***

- Whereas;*** An estimated 42 million Americans, or 1 in 10 families, have some type of communication disorder, with economic costs exceeding \$30 billion due to lost work productivity, special education, and medical treatment; and
- Whereas;*** Citizens of the city of Bellevue who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech language pathologists should be recognized; and
- Whereas;*** The city of Bellevue also recognizes and values the efforts of all audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout our nation who work to help these individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and
- Whereas;*** The city of Bellevue is proud and honored to have audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality education and health care services to its citizens; and
- Whereas;*** Audiologists and speech-language pathologists in the city of Bellevue annually observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month during the month of May;

***Now, therefore, I,*** Claudia Balducci, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2014** as:

***Better Hearing & Speech Month***

in Bellevue, and encourage citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

  
Claudia Balducci  
Mayor